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DX INFORMATION

3D2/R - The Pacific Islands DXpedition Group (PIDXG) has announced that Nathan K4NHW, Jamie M0SDV, Mike W0VTT, Gregg W6IZT, Hal W8HC and a sixth member TBA will be active as 3D2Z from Rotuma Island (OC-060) from 15 November to 4 December. Necessary permits, licenses and accomodation have been secured and confirmed. The on-site team will operate locally with three stations. In addition, two of Gregg's NexGenRiBs (remote radio systems) that proved successful during the recent CB0ZEW DXpedition will be operated remotely. It is hoped that 75% of the remote contacts will be made by young operators, thanks to the recently announced partnership between the PIDXG and Youth on the Air (YOTA) Americas. More information is expected in due course.

4X - Special event station 4X6M will be active on 16-17 May from the Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. QSL via 4X6ZM.

4X - Team 4X2DS will be active from the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest land-based elevation on Earth (440 metres below sea level), from 30 May to 3 June. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via 4Z5TT. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/4X2DS for more information.

5U - Elvira, IV3FSG will be active 5U5K from Niger on 6-20 June. She will operate SSB, FT8/FT4 (using MSHV in multistream mode), RTTY and maybe some CW on 160-6 metres. Francesco, IK0XBX will be her pilot station. QSL direct to IK2DUW.

8P - Chris, WA7RAR will be active again as 8P9CB from Barbados (NA-021) on 15-26 May. All of his operations will be portable at various locations throughout the island, especially POTA sites. He will be QRV on 20-10 metres CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or direct to WA7RAR.

8Q - Rolf, DO4RKR will be active as 8Q7KR from the Maldives (AS-013) on 19-31 May. He will run 30 watts and operate SSB on 10 metres only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

9H - Henning, OZ2I will be active as 9H6EE from Malta (EU-023) on 24-29 May. He will operate CW only, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), or via OZ2I.

9M2 - Members of the Kuala Lumpur DX Team will be active as 9M4IOTA from Kapas Island (AS-073), West Malaysia from 31 May to 2 June. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 80-10 metres. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/kldxteam/.

9M2 - A large group of operators will be active as 9M4VM from Pulau Besar (AS-097), West Malaysia from 31 May to 2 June. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres with two stations. QSL direct to 9M2HUS, neither LoTW nor Club Log will be used.

A2 - Remo, HB9SHD will be active «casual holiday style» while touring Botswana between 30 April and 13 May. The callsign issued by the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority is A255HD (Alpha Two Five Five Hotel Delta). He will be QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres SSB and maybe FT8. Paper QSL cards will not be available.

A9 - Special event station A91WTIS will be active on 11-17 May to celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May). QSL via EC6DX. WTISD marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and its purpose is to help raise awareness about the global innovation gap, promote digital inclusion, and spur action to close the digital divide.

BY - Ten stations (B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA and B9CRA) from across the country will be active on 3-5 May (60 hours) for this year's «5.5 China Amateur Radio Festival» on air event, organized by the Chinese Radio Amateurs Club (CRAC). See http://www.crac.org.cn/55 for logsearch and the awards. QSL via LoTW, or direct to CRAC, PO Box 100029-73, 100029 Beijing, P.R. China

C9 - Pedro, CT7AHV will be active again as C91AHV from Chinonaquila, Mozambique between 3 and 15 June. He will operate FT8, SSB and CW on 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 metres. Initial plans are to concentrate on the HF bands on 4-7 June (FT8) and 9-12 June (SSB and CW), and on 6 metres on 13-15 June (CW, SSB and FT8). On 8 June he will do a POTA activation from the Lubombo Conservation Area. QSL via EA5GL, LoTW, Club Log's OQRS. Check https://www.qrz.com/db/C91AHV for updates.

CN - In celebration of the 21st birthday of Prince Moulay Hassan, the heir apparent to the Moroccan throne, special callsign CN21HM will be active on 8-12 May. QSL direct to CN8RAH.

CP - Members of the Yaguarete DX Group (LU1FM, LU2JCW, LU3FR, LU6FOV, LU7HN, LU7MT, LU8YD and LU9FHF) will be active as CP7DX from Tarija, Bolivia on 11-19 May. They will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) on 160-6 metres, as well as SSB and FM via LEO satellites. See https://jvp-antenas.com.ar/cp7dx/ for more information. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LU1FM.

CT - CT1END/p, CT2IFE/p, CS7AWH/p, CS7AWL/p and CS7BEK/p will be active as CS5POTA/p from Fort Sao Joao Baptista on Berlenga Grande Island (EU-040) on 19-20 July. They will operate QRP on 80-10 and 2 me-

tres, SSB, FM and digital modes. QSL CS5POTA via CT1REP, others via home calls. [TNX CT4NH]

DL - The Berlin Airlift was an operation that carried supplies by plane to the Allied sectors of West Berlin over a Russian blockade. For more than a year, hundreds of American, British and French cargo planes ferried provisions to West Berlin's Tempelhof, Gatow and Tegel airfields. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of the Berlin Airlift, three special event stations will be active between 12 May and 24 June: DL0GWW for Gatow, DL0TXL for Tegel, and DL0THF for Tempelhof. QSL via LoTW, QRZ Logbook, and the DARC Community Logbook; paper cards will not be provided, but an award will be available: https://ham-awards.de/index.php/75luft/.

EA - Depending on weather and seas conditions, a three-man team (Henry EA5EOR, Ilde EA5HEU, and Christian EA3NT) will be active as EG5MI from Penyeta del Moro (EU-151) on 24-25 May. Plans are to place a wooden platform on the rocks on 24 May at about 16 UTC, followed by a first station (15m CW) and hopefully a second station (20m FT8 around 14087 kHz) «to try to get advantage of the greyline and give a chance to the West Coast». They will QRT soon after sunset (19.15 UTC) and return to the islet on 25 May, soon after sunrise (04.41 UTC). EG5MI will operate also SSB, «bands and times will be decided on the spot». They will QRT when the batteries die, possibly by 11 UTC. Christian will try and broadcast live the landing attempt on his YouTube channel (http://www.youtube.com/@EA3NT). QSL via EA5GL. Penyeta del Moro is a rocky islet of almost 2 metres in width and 6 metres in length; an iron lighthouse of about 5m in height was placed there in 1861. [TNX DX World]

EA8 - Members of the Union de Radioaficionados Valle de Guimar (EA8URU) will operate special event station AN42CA on 30 May. Look for activity on 40-10 metres CW, SSB and FT4. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. The special callsign celebrates the 42nd anniversary since the establishment of the autonomous community of the Canary Islands (10 August 1982), as well as the anniversary of the local Parliament's first session (30 May 1983).

F - Team TM24U (Kurt ON5DZ, Luc ON7KZ, Geert ON7USB and Francis ON8AZ) will be active from Saint Nicolas Island (EU-094) on 5-10 May. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 60-10 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log. See https://tm24u.be/ for more information.

F - Special callsign TM86JO will be used on 19-26 May as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through the French Department of Vienne, and again on 5-11 August during the Olympic Games. [TNX F6AJA]

F - Members of the Radio Pole Associatif REF-40 (F4KLM) will be active as TM40FLO from 21 May to 4 June as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through the French Department of Landes. QSL via F4KLM

F - Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy (6 June 1944), members of the Union des Radioclubs (URC) will be active as TM80D from 23 May to 6 June, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. See https://log-et-qsl.associations-radioamateurs.org/wp/ for eQSLs.

F - Team TM5FI (F5AUB, F5BTH, F5OYM, F5SDD, F5XX, F6HKS, F6ITD and possibly a few others) will be active from Ratonneau Island (EU-095) on 24-29 May. They will operate CW, SSB, FT4 and FT8 with four stations. QSL via F5XX. [TNX F6AJA]

F - Members of the Association des radioamateurs de l'Indre will be active as TM36JO on 27 May, as the Paris 2024 Olympic Torch Relay passes through their Department, and again from 29 July to 11 August during the Olympic Games. QSL via the bureau, or direct to F5OHM.

F - Team TM80DD will be active on 1-16 June to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. They will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on all bands. QSL via F5JYD, direct or bureau. [TNX F5JYD]

F - For the 72nd year the Association des Radioamateurs de la Sarthe (F6KFI) will operate a special event station for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Look for TM24H on 2-16 June, with activity on various bands and modes. QSL via F6KFI.

FO - On his way home from Pitcairn Island, Dave, WJ2O will spend a few days in Tahiti (OC-046), French Polynesia. He will be QRV as either FO/WJ2O or with a special callsign on 12-15 June. QSL via N2ZN and LoTW.

FT/G - The band plan for the upcoming FT4GL operation from the Glorioso Islands (24 May-19 June) has been posted to the DXpedition's website (see below). This will be a one-man operation carried out by Marek, FH4VVK in parallel with his professional activities. He plans to be QRV daily with two stations at the same time on on 160-6 metres SSB, FT8, FT4 and RTTY. There will be no CW activity, as Marek lacks sufficient knowledge of that mode to manage a huge pile-up. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log when the Internet is available (from 18 to 20 local time). QSL via F4FTV; full LoTW upload will follow six months after the end of the DXpedition. Updates will be posted to https://ft4gl.blogspot.com as well as to https://www.facebook.com/61557262192352.

G - Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, members of the Newbury and District Amateur Radio Society will be active as GB80DDAY between 1 and 28 June, with a special focus of activity on 6 June. QSL via eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS.

GI - Once again the North West Group ARC (MN0NWG) is running special event station GB0AEL between 5 and 31 May to commemorate the anniversary of Amelia Earhart's transatlantic flight. QSL via MI0HOZ (direct or bureau). On 20-21 May 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop and alone across the Atlantic, leaving Harbor Grace on Newfoundland (Canada), and landing 15 hours later near Londonderry (Northern Ireland).

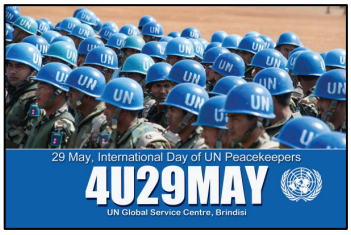
GI - Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, the Rushyhill Radio Society (MN0UGP) will be active as GB8DDY between 1 and 28 June. QSL cards will not be provided, but a certificate will be available (see qrz.com for information).

GM - Look for GB9DAT to be active on 1-28 June on a variety of digital modes (including FT8, FT4, PSK, and RTTY, among others). This is a «special event station dedicated to advancing and promoting digital modes in amateur radio». QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to MM0DFV.

HP - Members of the Union Panamena de Radio Aficionados (namely (HP1DBK, HP1EJC, HP1JGG, HP1MRA, HP1PAR, HP1REF, HP8FOC) will be active as H33IP from Parida Island (NA-071) on 7-9 June. QSL via EA5GL.

HZ - Celebrating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (17 May), members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society will be active as HZ1WTIS on 10-17 May. QSL via LoTW. WTISD marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

I - The United Nations Global Service Centre ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi will be active as 4U29MAY on 1-31 May QSL via 9A2AA. The special callsign promotes the International Day of UN Peacekeepers (29 May). DXCC wise, it counts for Italy.



I - Members of ARI Trapani (IQ9TP) will be active as II9IKF on 20-26 May for the 16th edition of the International Kite Festival at San Vito Lo Capo. QSL via the bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

I - IT9BLB and IT9VDQ will be active from Pantelleria Island (IH9, AF-018) during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. Other commitments and the short length of stay will allow for at most a pair of barefoot SOSB entries with a minimalist set up. [TNX IT9BLB]

I - On 26 May memers of ARI La Spezia (IK1WVR, IK1XVA, IU1IEK, IU1QQZ, IZ1JLS, IZ1OSS and IZ5ZCT) will be active as IQ1SP from their own Radio and Telecommunications Museum, and as IQ1SP/IP1 from Palmaria Island (not IOTA). Plans are to be QRV of the HF bands, as well as on VHF and UHF, indicatively from 11 to 19 UTC. QSL via the bureau. In 1898, following Marconi's successful experiments in the Gulf of La Spezia, the first two-way radio-telegraph station in Italy was installed and commissioned on the island of Palmaria.

I - Members of ARI Colli Albani (IQ0HV) will be active as II0LOR from 31 May to 30 June to mark the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of Rome (4 June 1944). QSL via I0KNQ. A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/II0LOR for information.

I - Participating in the Museum Ships Weekend (1-2 June), members of ARI Genova (IQ1GE) will operate special event station II1NS from the *Nazario Sauro*, a submarine formerly in service with the Italian Navy, and now moored at the Galata Maritime Museum. QSL via eQSL, bureau or direct.

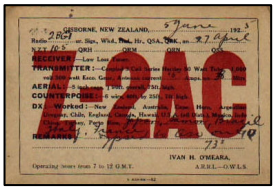
I - Celebrating Pesaro Capitale Italiana della Cultura (Italian Capital of Culture) 2024, members of ARI Pesaro and ARI Fano will be active as II6CIC from 1 June to 29 August. QSL via IQ6PS.

JA - Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as JA4GXS/1 from Izu Oshima (AS-008) on 1-3 June. He will operate CW, SSB and FT8/FT4 on 40, 30, 20 and 6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX DX World]

JD1_oga - Tosy, JA6VZB will be active as JD1BQW from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara from 22 May to 5 June, including entries in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (25-26 May) and the ARRL Digital Contest (1-2 June). He plans to concentrate on 12 and 6 metres FT8 before and after the contests. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau to JA6VZB.

LA - Michael, DF8AN will be active as LA/DF8AN/p from Hinnoya Island (EU-033) on 16-17 May and again on 25-26 May, and from Vestvagoy Island (EU-076) on 17-25 May. He operates CW and digital modes on the HF bands, and hopefully on 6 and 2 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

LU - On 22 May 1924 Ivan O'Meara (2AC) in Gisborne, New Zealand made the first trans-Pacific contact with Carlos Braggio (CB8) near Buenos Aires, setting a world record distance. To celebrate the centenary of this DX milestone, amateur radio operators from Argentina are allowed to replace their normal prefix from 3 UTC on 20 May until 3 UTC on 27 May: LU stations can use LT, LW stations can use LR, club stations can use LS, and «other institutions» can use AY.



OH0 - Arnold, DK1VK will be active as OH0/DK1VK from Jomala, Aland Islands (EU-002) on 24-26 May. He will operate SSB on 40, 20, 17, 15 and 10 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

OX - Bo, OZ1DJJ will be active again as OX3LX from Greenland on 1-15 June. In his spare time he will be QRV from Tasiilaq (grid HP15) on Ammassalik Island (NA-151), and maybe also from Isertoq (grid HP05) on mainland Greenland. Usually he operates FT8 and SSB. QSL via OZ0J; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

PY - Gus, PT2ADM is QRV as ZW30AS until 31 May. Look or activity on 80-6 metres digital and SSB. QSL via LoTW, or via PT2ADM (bureau and direct). This special callsign honours Ayrton Senna, the Brazilian Formula 1 driver, on the 30th anniversary of his death during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix.

SM - Ric, DL2VFR will be active as SM3/DL2VFR from Alnon Island (EU-087) on 8-11 May, and as SM2/DL2VFR from Holmon Island (EU-135) on 11-14 May. He will operate CW and some SSB. He might also be QRV as SM5/DL2VFR from IOTA group EU-084 on 15 or 16 May. QSL via home call; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

SP - Celebrating the 65th anniversary of the SP DX Club, special callsigns SP65S, SO65P, SN65D, HF65X and 3Z65C will be active on 1-16 June. A certificate will be available, complete information can be found on https://logsp.pzk.org.pl/a/spdxc/index.php.

SV - Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as SV8/IZ2DPX from Serifos Island (EU-067) on 13-23 May. He operates SSB and FT8 on 40-6 metres. QSL via LoTW.

SV5 - The Radio Amateur Association of Dodecanese (SZ5RDS) will be hosting the team of Radio Arcala

(OH8X) «to enhance their mutual interest in Amateur Radio». The RAAD team (SV5AZP, SV5FRV and SV5FRD) and the Radio Arcala team (OH2BH, OH8NC, OH2GEK and OH2BE) will activate the special callsign SX5R from Rhodes during the CQ WW WPX CW Contest. After the contest Martti will be active as SV5/OH2BH mostly on 17 and 12 metres. QSLs via OH2BH.

SV9 - Erwin, DK5EW (https://dk5ew.com/) will be active as SV8/DK5EW from Crete Island (EU-015) between 30 May and 20 June. He will be QRV on 6 and 4 metres only from grid locators KM35 (30 May-5 June) and KM15 (8-20 June). QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call.

T32 - George, AA7JV is active as T32JV from Kiriti-mati/Christmas Island (OC-024), East Kiribati.on 9-14 May His main focus is on 160 metres (+/- 1827.5 kHz): «Christmas Island is the closest land to Jarvis», he says, and «this may be a good opportunity to see what signals are like from this region. This time of the year is equally poor time for 160 as August, so this may be a good test to see what to expect». QSL via LoTW.

TR - Roland, F8EN will be active again as TR8CR from Gabon from 15 May until the end of June (maybe longer). He will operate CW only, and will celebrate his 96th birthday while there. QSL via F6AJA (direct or bureau); logsearch on http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php. [TNX F6AJA]

UA - Commemorating the 119th anniversary since the birth of Mikhail A. Sholokhov (the 1965 Nobel Prize in Literature), special callsigns R119MS and UE39MS will be active on 20-24 May during the 39th edition of the Sholokhov Spring Festival. A certificate will be available on https://hamlog.online/club/mdxc. QSLs via RQ7L.

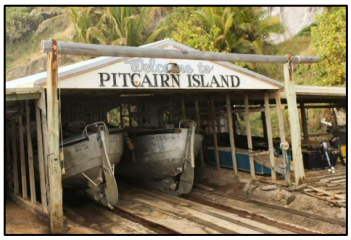
UA9 - Konstantin, RG0F will be active as RG0F/p from Paramushir Island (AS-204) on 18-21 May. In his spare time he will operate CW and FT8 on 40-10 metres. [TNX The Daily DX]

V4 - Tim, N5TCH will be active holiday style as V4/N5TCH from St Kitts (NA-104) on 10-17 May. Most likely he will be QRV during his early morning hours. QSL via LoTW; paper cards will not be available.

V4 - Once again John, W5JON will be active as V47JA from St. Kitts (NA-104) from 28 May to 13 June. He will operate SSB and FT8 on the HF bands and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW, or direct only to W5JON.

VE - Pierre, VE3KTB will be active as VE3KTB/VY0 from the Canadian High Arctic Research Station on Victoria Island (NA-006) on 21-28 May. In his spare time he will operate SSB, CW and maybe FT8 on 20-10 metres. QSl via M0OXO. [TNX The Daily DX]

VP6 - Dave, WJ2O (https://www.wj2o.com/) will be active as VP6DF from Pitcairn Island (OC-044) from 30 May to 10 June. Plans are to run low power and operate «probably 100% CW» on 40-10 metres (maybe also on 160 and 80 metres). QSL via N2ZN and LoTW. [TNX The Daily DX]



VP9 - Darrell, AB2E will be active as AB2E/VP9 (QSL via LoTW, or direct to home call) from Bermuda (NA-005) on 23-27 May, including an entry in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest as VP9I (QSL via WW3S). Outside the contest he will operate mainly CW on 30, 17 and 12 metres, with some FT8 on the low bands. [TNX NG3K]

VU - A number of special event stations will be active from Kargil, in the Indian Himalayan Region, to celebrate the 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day):

26-30 May	AT25KVG	QSL via VU2IRD
30 May-3 June	AU25KVD	QSL via VU2XFD
3-7 June	AT25KVE	QSL via VU2URC
10-14 June	AT25KAR	QSL via VU2FI
25-30 June	AT25KVF	QSL via the bureau

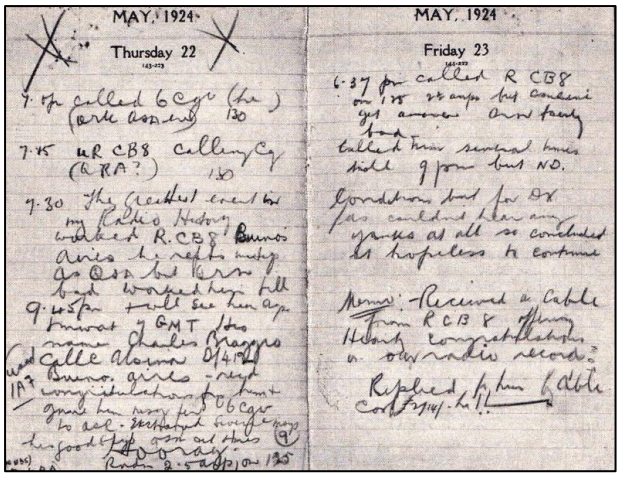
W - Matt, AF2F plans to be active as K4H from Hatteras Island (NA-067) between 25 May and 2 June. He plans to focus on 6 metres in anticipation of some good DX openings, otherwise he will be on the HF bands mostly CW. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

XT - Antonio, I8KHC (ex IZ8CCW) and the Mediterraneo DX Club have announced that a large multi-national team will be active as XT2MD from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 31 October to 11 November. Plans are to operate CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 on 160-10 metres with five stations around the clock. Bookmark https://www.mdxc.support/xt2md/ for more information and updates. QSL via IK2VUC.

YU - Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Radio Beograd (1 October 1924) members of the Belgrade Amateur Radio Club (YU1ANO) will be active as YT100RB and YU1924RB from 1 May to 30 November. A certificate will be available, see https://yu1ano.org/ for the details.

ZC4 - Martin, MW0BRO will be active holiday style as ZC4GW from Dhekelia, UK Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus on 17-27 May. He will operate mainly CW on 40-6 metres. QSL via M0URX's OQRS; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

ZL - On 22 May 1924 Ivan O'Meara (2AC) in Gisborne, New Zealand made the first trans-Pacific contact with Carlos Braggio (CB8) near Buenos Aires, Argentina on 130 metres, setting a world record distance of just over 10,000 km. To commemorate this historic milestone, the Gisborne Branch of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) will be using the special callsign ZL100AC throughout the month of May.



O'Meara's log: *The greatest event in my radio history. Worked CB8 Buenos Aires. He reports signals as QSA4 but QRN (noise) bad. Worked him til 9.45pm and would call him again tomorrow at 7 GMT.*

GOOD TO KNOW

Access to the main functions of www.425dxn.org is provided by the 425DXN App for Android. It is available on Google Play - free of charge, no ads. Enjoy!

3D2CCC • The DX Rebel Group's DXpedition to Conway Reef began on 28 April at around 05.30 UTC and went QRT on 6 May at around 06.15 UTC. The 2-man team made nearly 118,000 QSOs under difficult conditions. See https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup for information. QSL via Club Log's OQRS.

ARRL SYSTEMS SERVICE DISRUPTION • «We are in the process of responding to a serious incident involving access to our network and headquarters-based systems», the ARRL notified on 16 May. «Several services, such as Logbook of The World (LoTW) and the ARRL Learning Center, are affected. Please know that restoring access is our highest priority, and we are expeditiously working with outside industry experts to address the issue. We appreciate your patience. This story will be updated with new developments» (see https://www.arrl.org/).

CQ DX HALL OF FAME • Established in 1967, the CQ DX Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to DXing and DXpeditioning. Announced on 17 May during the Southwest Ohio DX Association's DX Dinner in Dayton, the 2024 inductees are:

Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC - Born and raised in Romania, Trifu holds a Ph.D. degree in physics. A second-generation amateur radio operator, he has held VE3LYC since 1995. He serves as the Islands on the Air (IOTA) Operations Manager and Deputy General Manager, and is a member of the Board of Directors of IOTA Ltd. One nominator wrote that «Cezar showed extensive knowledge and enthusiasm in DX and the IOTA program. He has directed the IOTA program into what it is today. He is very dedicated and a non-fearing adventurer with 30-plus IOTA activations. His book recalling these adventures, *Dream Big and Dare to Fail*, is one every amateur should read». Another nominator wrote, «Cezar prepares his DXpeditions with great attention to detail, carefully identifying the hazards involved and mitigating the risks by incorporating contingencies. He always documents what worked and how, from the logistics to the propagation forecast and handling of pileups, which is all meant to provide those who go places with informative material that they can adapt to their own needs», and concluded, «Cezar is a reliable and highly skilled operator with the guts of the early pioneers!»

Bernie McClenny, W3UR - He has impressive on-the-air bona fides. He has operated from two all-time new DXCC entities: E44DX in Gaza, Palestine and 4W/W3UR in Baucau, East Timor. Other DXpeditions with which he has participated include A61AJ, AH3D, OH0/W3UR, VU4AN, YU8/OH2R, 8P9UR, J77A, and V47UR. He has also been a guest operator multiple times at the United Nations Amateur Radio Club, 4U1UN. Bernie enjoys the DXCC Challenge, Islands on the Air, and other special awards programs. However, wrote his nominator, «Bernie's off-the-air accomplishments prompted this nomination. He has served as editor of the "How's DX?" column in *QST*, the monthly membership journal of the American Radio Relay League, since 1998. He is second in longevity in this role only to Rod Newkirk, W9BRD/VA3ZBB, who edited the column from 1947 to 1978. Bernie has published *The Daily DX* since'1997, and *The Weekly DX* since 2001. This is a combined total of 76 years as a DX writer, editor, and publisher. There are few other people in the amateur radio community with Bernie's institutional knowledge and encyclopedic understanding of the DX world. He combines this with his solid grasp of journalistic principles, making him a trusted, go-to source for DX news».

Richard A. Ross, K2MGA (SK) - He was president of CQ Publishing. He was editor, then publisher of *CQ* Magazine, and at one time, published 11 magazine titles as well as books, calendars, and an extensive video library. Dick was also a huge supporter of DXing and contesting, and believed in recognizing his fellow amateurs for their exemplary achievements in these endeavors. The quintessential behind-the-scenes visionary, Dick ensured that *CQ* Magazine gave extensive coverage to the DX world, and that it had the proper leadership and infrastructure for its many contests - CQ World Wide, Worked All Prefixes, 160 meters, RTTY, VHF, and more. Ross passed away on 27 April, aged 84.

CQ CONTEST HALL OF FAME • Established in 1986, the CQ Contest Hall of Fame honours those amateurs who have made major contributions to the art of radio contesting. The 2024 inductees, announced on 18 May during the Contest Dinner in Dayton, are:

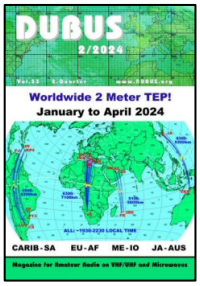
Sergio Lima de Almeida, PP5JR - A cardiovascular surgeon, he was first licensed in 1979, and has held PP5JR since 1985. He has also operated as PR0R, PQ0MM, PT5A, ZZ5JR, PX5E, ZX5J, and PT5J. Sergio is a member of the Araucaria DX Group. In 1996, he began construction of a station in Serra da Boa Vista which is incorporated to the Araucaria DX Group. Over the years, he has mentored many people to become contest operators. A perennial WRTC participant, Sergio has also been involved in several DXpeditions, including one to Bhutan as A52JR in 2014. He often enters the ARRL International DX Contest, CQ WW DX Contest, CQ WW WPX Contest, WAE DX Contest, CQMM DX Contest on single bands, most often 10, 15, or 20 metres, and has won first place for South America or the world numerous times. In recent years, he has operated multi-single, and placed first in South America or the world. Most notably, his spouse and three children are all licensed amateur radio operators, and often operate together in contests.

Steven M. London, N2IC - He has been at or near the top of the leaderboard in virtually every contest he has entered for decades. He most often enters contests in the single-operator category, and challenges himself sometimes with single-band, low power, and QRP entries. His scores are consistently off the charts. To give just one example, he entered the 2021 ARRL CW Sweepstakes in the QRP category and scored 166,992 points. That is a score that many high-power entrants could not

even approach, and the second place finisher in the QRP category was 54,000 points behind. He also has won the North America QSO Party (NAQP) five times as a 2BSIQ, four times with 100 watts and once QRP. Steve travels extensively to operate at multi-operator multi-transmitter stations, notably K3LR, and has been involved in the World Radiosport Team Championship six times with two Top Five finishes. He has been a valued source of information for new and old contesters alike on station and antenna design, and operating strategy. A member of the N1MM contesting software development team since 2008, Steve created a customized version of N1MM to support Radio In a Box (RIB) operations. A retired engineer, Steve lives on a mountaintop in southwestern New Mexico. He is a devoted communications technician with a volunteer fire department, providing essential communication in forested areas.

Richard A. Ross, K2MGA (SK) - Dick was keenly aware of the legacy of CQ's contest program, beginning with the very first CQ World Wide contest in 1948. The contest program was his pride and joy as he witnessed its growth into a collection of the world's largest competitions that we enjoy to this day. The quintessential behind-the-scenes visionary, Dick ensured that *CQ* Magazine gave extensive coverage to the contesting world, providing for a time a dedicated publication called *CQ Contest*, a regular contesting column in *CQ* Magazine, video content, and full narrative reports and line scores in the magazine long after other entities moved this information online.

CQ AMATEUR RADIO HALL OF FAME ● The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame was established in January 2001 to recognize those who have made major contributions to amateur radio as a whole, and radio amateurs who have made major contributions to society at large. The 2024 inductees are:



Joachim Kraft, DL8HCZ (CT1HZE) - An enthusiastic amateur radio operator since 1980, he has been committed to the technical development of amateur radio and research into propagation phenomena in the VHF/UHF and microwave bands since 1989 by publishing the English-language magazine *DUBUS* with a team of specialist authors from all over the world working on a voluntary basis. In particular, this magazine researches and analyzes DX successes on the 6m, 2m, and higher bands. The evaluation of, and statistics on, sporadic-E DX QSOs in the 2m band, which Joachim painstakingly compiles and updates annually, spans 50-plus years and is probably unique worldwide. *DUBUS* was founded in 1972 by a group of radio amateurs from Berlin, and was already being used to exchange technical and DX information across all national borders at the time of the Iron Curtain. For over 35 years, Joachim has been involved in this magazine together with other radio amateurs, and for almost a quarter of a century he has been its publisher. Today, it is read in over 50 countries.

Tim Duffy, K3LR - Already a member of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame since 2006, is being inducted into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame because of his lifetime achievements that far transcend his contesting accomplishments. As a contester, Tim has hosted over 160 different amateur radio operators from around the world to his superstation (11 operating positions and 14 towers) since 1992. He has been the moderator of the Hamvention Antenna forum for 36 years, and has served as chairman of Contest University (15 years), the Dayton Contest Dinner (29 years), and the Top Band Dinner. He also co-coordinates the Contest Super Suite (37 years) in Dayton during the yearly Hamvention. He also founded the popular RFI reflector (RFI@contesting.com), and has moderated it since 1999 . Tim serves on the board of directors of the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) as Chairman, and is President Emeritus of the Radio Club of America (RCA). Tim is multi-year President of the Mercer County Amateur Radio Club (W3LIF/W3JTV). He received the RCA Barry Goldwater Amateur Radio Award in 2010, Hamvention Amateur of the Year in 2015, and the YASME Excellence Award in 2016. Professionally, Tim is the Chief Executive Officer of DX Engineering.

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CY9C: ST PAUL ISLAND ● The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans has issued the written permit for the CY9C DXpedition to St Paul Island (26 August-5 September), and the ARRL has pre-approved the DXpedition for DXCC credit. The permit is for the small Northeast Island, as the main island is now under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

A 24-foot vehicle has been rented and reserved for early August to transport a lot of the gear to Dingwall (Nova Scotia), which will be the base for all pre-DXpedition activities. The team will use two helicopters and a boat to transport the operators and the equipment to the island. Beginning on 26 May, a week long work session for CY9C will take place in North Carolina. Team members W0GJ, W0PR and WA4DAN will meet up and go through and inventory all of the DXpedition gear. The plan is to erect the new operating tents, test and run the seven new generators, assemble and test antennas and inventory all of the coaxial cables. «The team is very grateful to all the clubs and individuals who have joined our efforts. Additional support is encouraged and can be made through https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy9c». Updates are also published on https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455659374986029/

DXPEDITION OF THE YEAR ● Presented annually at the DX Dinner by the Southwest Ohio DX Association, the DXpedition of the Year Award recognizes excellence in DXpedition planning and execution from Most Wanted entities. DXpeditions that were completed from March 2023 through February 2024 were eligible for this year's award, which has gone to **W8S**, the October 2023 DXpedition to Swains Island.

DXPEDITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD • The Southwest Ohio DX Association's DXpeditioner of the Year award honours those who have gone above and beyond the norm to positively affect the DX community. This year's award has gone to **Thierry Mazel, F6CUK**, who operated FT8WW on Crozet Island. He single-handedly worked over 50,000 QSOs on HF and about 1,300 on satellite from this overall #3 Most Wanted Entity.

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND • Sponsored by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station (NJ2BB), this year's Museum Ships Weekend will be held from 00.00 UTC on 1 June until 23.59 UTC on the 2nd. Information on the event, including the listing of expected participating ships, can be found at https://www.nj2bb.org/museum/.

QSL GALLERY • The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 22,080 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2014-23), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galeriegsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

QSL TX5S • Tim, M0URX, the QSL manager for the Clipperton Island DXpedition, reports that all the outgoing QSL cards will be mailed on 13 May. Please allow sufficient time for mail delivery from the United Kingdom.

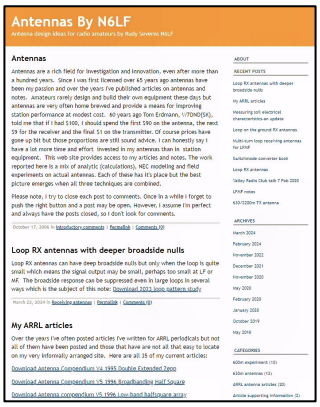
VK0 AND VK9 PREFIXES: CHANGE • The Australian Communications and Media Authority has updated its *Amateur Radio Call Sign Policy*. The document can be found on https://www.acma.gov.au/amateur-radio-resources#documents. The changes affecting the DX community relate to the use of the VK0 and VK9 prefixes:

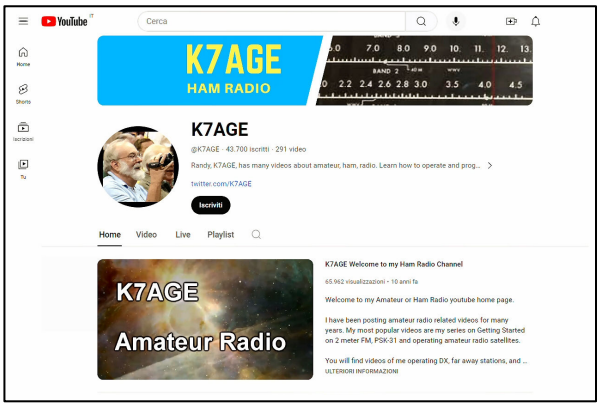
- callsigns with the prefix **VK0** will only be assigned to operators located in the Australian Antarctic Territory;
- callsigns with the prefix **VK9** will only be assigned to operators located in an Australian External Territory other than the Antarctic, i.e. Ashmore and Cartier Islands, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Coral Sea Islands (including Mellish Reef and Willis Island), Heard and McDonald Islands, Norfolk Island.

In practice, newly assigned callsigns will be prefixed with **VK9 for Heard Island**, **VK7 for Macquarie Island** (as it is part of Tasmania), and **VK2 for Lord Howe Island** (as it is part of New South Wales).

YASME EXCELLENCE AWARD • Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation (https://www.yasme.org/ , the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper. The Yasme Excellence Award is in the form of a cash grant and an individually-engraved crystal globe. The latest recipients, announced on 23 May, are:

- **Randy Hall, K7AGE** - «Randy is a 40-year active ham, whose biggest contribution is a large library of YouTube videos - many created for the newcomer (https://www.youtube.com/@K7AGE) - of good quality and on many topics. Video is the way most new hams get started learning about ham radio and he has really done a good job. He is also on Twitter (https://x.com/K7AGE). There is plenty in his library and any of us might find something new. Randy exemplifies the ham radio mentor».
- **Rudy Severns, N6LF** - «If you have an *ARRL Antenna Book*, you have seen Rudy'work. In recent editions, he has been instrumental in revising and expanding the material in the chapter "Effects of Ground". For example, he has developed a method of measuring soil characteristics at RF. He has written extensively about how the radials and ground screens affect radiation efficiency. Rudy also builds and measures the systems to verify his models. Rudy was one of the experimental licensees who helped open up the new 630 and 2200 meter bands, as well. He has published an impressive body of work at https://www.antennasbyn6lf.com/». [TNX K4ZW]





YASME FOUNDATION GRANTS • The Board of Directors of the Yasme Foundation has announced that it has made grants to youth in IARU Region 1, Malawi, Uganda and Ethiopia to attend the 2024 YOTA Summer Camp in Prague, Czechia; to Don Jones, K6ZO (7Q6M) to support amateur radio projects for youth in Malawi; to support youth attendance at the 2024 Pacific Northwest DX Convention in Everett (WA); to the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) in support of their *Youth in Space* project. The Yasme Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized to support scientific and educational projects related to amateur radio, including DXing and the introduction and promotion of amateur radio in developing countries. [TNX K4ZW]

QSL ROUTES

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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3B8CW	N4GNR	IY5PIS	IK5WOB	RP79AF	UA6AGE
3V8CB	LX1NO	IY6GM	IK6VXO	RP79AZ	RC9A
4O9KOM	EB7DX	IY7GMB	IK7XNF	RP79CTS	R2BFL
4U29MAY	9A2AA	IY7M	IZ7XNB	RP79CWD	RN3RQ
5P4MG	DJ4MG	J88BTI	EA5GL	RP79FA	RO3F
5P5LI	ON6EF	JD1BMH	JD1BMH [b]	RP79GA	RX6LQH
5Q5W	DL2SWW	JD1BMH	JG7PSJ [d]	RP79GD	RA6ADQ
5Z4VJ	M0URX	JD1BQP	JD1BQP [b]	RP79KF	RW4NW
6D2QRP	XE2M	JD1BQP	JP1IHD [d]	RP79LDD	UA1F
6F0SM	XE2AU	LS5H	EA5GL	RP79ML	RQ7L
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DM5041MK	DB2AD	OH0M/p	OH6KZP	TM17IO	F4BYB
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IY0MMR	IQ0RM	PJ4MM	M0URX	ZX7I	PT7BI
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